

Wilson and Mammon Worshipers Trying to Put Over 2 Billion Dollar War Program!

PRESIDENT WILSON has gripped the hand of Mammon, formed an alliance with Wall Street, announced the intended expenditure of two billions for war, and expects to get re-elected in November, 1916, by the voters, the workers, of the nation. Is he deceiving himself? Read this paragraph: "I HOPE THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE DECEIVED BY THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MANHATTAN CLUB. THAT IS THE ONE PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE THE MAMMON-WORSHIPING PORTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS TO EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS—THERE IS NO GROUP FURTHER REMOVED FROM THE SENTIMENT OF THE MASSES, WHETHER YOU MEASURE THAT SENTIMENT BY ECONOMIC, SOCIAL OR RELIGIOUS STANDARDS."

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A NEW PLAN FOR 1916

The People Must be Stirred; The Country Must be Covered with Socialist Literature.

OUR CAMPAIGN NEXT YEAR must wake up the people. It will not be an easy task, but it must be done. It must be evident that the spirit of reaction is abroad. Suffrage for women has lost this year wherever it has been voted on. The Progressive party is dead, and its former members have gone back to their old love, in spite of the fact that the Republican party is more reactionary than ever. The spirit of militarism is in the air; war beckons to us, and next year we shall have the task of facing all these conditions.

The Red Special of 1908 had the qualities that made it spectacular enough to draw attention. Another Red Special next year may be a good thing, but it is expensive and will not bring the solid results that another plan will bring. The Red Special cost over \$40,000, and at present no such fund is in sight for next year.

ings, and one man alone could not get the best results. Fifty automobiles, carrying appropriate signs on them, passing thru the country roads on their way between stops, will cause a lot of discussion. Leaflets could be distributed free at cross-roads. They would have to pass thru the farming districts, and much literature could be placed in the country without stopping.

cause on the whole they would almost pay their way, while the Red Special cannot. Fifty cars will cost \$25,000. This cost will pay for wear and tear, fire insurance, theft insurance, etc., on all the cars. It may be that after August 1 of next year a further reduction under present prices will be made, but we cannot count on that.

age. Twenty dollars per day for 50 machines for 90 days would mean \$90,000 receipts, which would be more than the whole cost as above. But discounting the figure liberally, we might say that at least \$75,000 ought to be taken in through sales and collections, which would be the cost of the plan.

New York Socialists Increase Vote and Win State Legislator

THE GREATEST FIGHT that the Socialists of New York ever waged has already passed into history, and the comrades are jubilant at the striking results. With the passing of an "off" year to contend with, with political interest taken up with the fight for woman suffrage; with the whole energy of organized labor taken up with the attempt to defeat the reactionary constitution, the Socialist Party went into the fight to pile up a Socialist strength with earnestness and devotion, with results that are gratifying to the last degree.



A. I. SHIPLACOFF.

Gunmen Direct Vote Count. In such places, manned by gunmen, and with locked doors, with the police terrified, the Socialists had to fight to get their vote counted. That we are getting nearer and nearer victory in each fight shows that our task, while hard, is not insuperable.

ELECT TYLER AFTER HOT FIGHT AT NEW CASTLE, PA. By J. W. SLAYTON. New Castle, Pa.—The fight here has never been surpassed for bitterness and lies. Every dirty trick that malice could suggest, or hate hatch, was resorted to, having for their object the defeat of W. V. Tyler, our councilman candidate and retiring Socialist Mayor; the discrediting of every active Socialist, and of the word "Socialism."

"Patriotism," Plunder and "Preparedness"

LET the American people make no mistake. "Preparedness" fairly reeks with the smell of private profits. "Putrid patriotism" would fit the facts much better than does the word "preparedness." What could be more nearly putrid, for instance, than the manner in which the organization of the "Navy League of the United States" was brought about last June?

Patriot No. 11 was Ogden L. Mills. Mr. Mills, also, is a director of the Lackawanna Steel Co. Patriot No. 12 was Frederick R. Coudert. Mr. Coudert is a director of the National Surety Co., which, according to the Wall Street Journal, has written surety bonds on contracts for the production of \$1,500,000,000 worth of war material.

the Navy League of the United States. Col. Thompson is chairman of the board of the International Nickel Co., the business of which, according to the Wall Street Journal, has been much improved "because of the increased consumption of nickel brought about by the war."

Socialist Tide Rising. The county candidates this year were nominated in the five subdivisions of the city, and the fight waged for the principles for which they stand. The result shows that Socialism—not popular candidates—got a far greater vote than has ever been known in the city. The increases are evenly distributed over all sections of the city. The \$2,299 polled in The Bronx is a remarkable achievement. In scores of districts the Socialist tide is rising. In at least 10 districts the Socialist vote threatens to swamp the second highest, and fight the leaders for the offices within a year or so. In three or four districts we were defeated to the victory, but were defeated by fraud, and in the Twenty-third, Kings county (Brooklyn), we swept the field, winning a brilliant victory for Socialism.

Constitution's Defeat Remarkable. The defeat of the constitution is a remarkable victory for the working class. The reactionary convention dominated by Elihu Root, tried to jam down our throats a basic law that would have created a monarchy in the State. Labor fought it, and it was killed by 500,000.

FIRST GREAT VICTORY. Hamilton, Ohio.—The Socialists here forced the Democrats and Republicans to fuse to beat them in the city election, and, altho they gained 300 votes, were defeated, losing the mayoralty by 1,200. "This defeat is a victory for Socialism," said Mayor Hinkle.

"Meyer London" Edition Blank (No. 161, dated December 4, 1915.) American Socialist, Chicago, Ill.: I want to help OUR CONGRESSMAN, MEYER LONDON, in his fight to force Congress to vote against war and militarism. I am sending enclosed \$..... to pay for the following:

PLAN NO. 1. copies of the "MEYER LONDON EDITION" to be sent to the address below at the rate of one-half a cent a copy.

PLAN NO. 2. copies of the "MEYER LONDON EDITION" to be sent to the list of names and addresses enclosed in this letter at the rate of three-fourths of a cent a copy.

PLAN NO. 3. copies of the "MEYER LONDON EDITION" to be distributed by THE AMERICAN SOCIALISTS' volunteers where they will do the most good.

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Address.....

City.....State.....

NOTE.—Fill in the above carefully and mail it at once. For every order sent in we will send you a premium 1,000 copies of one of the three leaflets, "How Socialism Would Meet the War Crisis," "The Socialists and the Sword," by George R. Kirkpatrick, or "The Anti-War Manifesto and Peace Program of the Socialist Party of the United States." SEND IN YOUR ORDER NOW!

MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

"Socialism is getting so hot around this town that you can smell it wherever you go, so please send the Campaign Book and the American Socialist to the following," writes JAMES M. NESBITT, Kingston, Pa., and sends in a club of four.

"New England is trying hard to wake up without betraying the fact that she has been asleep," writes MRS. GEORGE J. WHITT, and sends in a combination Campaign Book-American Socialist sub that she secured at Dubb's recent meeting in Boston. More Campaign Books and more American Socialist subs will again put New England on the map.

"For the love of Mike, don't forget the two Campaign Books," writes L. H. BROWN, Joseph, Idaho, in sending in two combination subs. "I can sure use them."

"Your fight for free speech in the schools and elsewhere has the right ring, and I am pleased to notice recently that some of the big dailies are taking your cue," writes S. A. PATTERSON, Castle Rock, Wash., in renewing his sub.

"The paper is fine and a good feed for the Henry Dubb," writes E. E. KYLE, Cambridge, Ohio, as he fires in a sub and orders seven sub cards.

"LEE W. LANG, Socialist's live agitator at Muscatine, Iowa, sends seven sub cards."

"FRED ZUMWALT, Greenfield, Ill., fires in seven subs and gets one of our newest Socialist pennants."

"I expect to get into the army of hussars for subs," writes G. W. MYERS, Maryland, as he sends in a club of four.

"The American Socialist is an excellent publication and is deserving of the united support of all Socialists," is what H. G. TEIGAN, North Dakota's State secretary, has to say as he orders a bunch of sub cards.

"Long live The American Socialist, our valued paper!" cheers WILLIAM MOZNETT, Stockton, Cal., as he renews for four years. You can have YOUR sub renewed for four years for \$1.

"Always in the fight," is the reminder from GEORGE W. MURRAY, Koska, Idaho, as he sends in a sub and adds: "I hope to send in another list in a short time."

"FRED SCOZZAFAVA, Rochester, N. Y., sends in a list of 13, the 'lucky thirteen,' as he sends in a sub and adds: 'If the comrades would do as I did—get after their shopmates—we would have a circulation very soon.'"

"C. CHAMBERS is on the job at Kelly, Cal. He secured a list of 19 subs and sent it in. Then he started another list. He is also planning to start a Socialist local."

"SAR PEDERSON, Ackworth, N. D., rounded up a list of 19 subs and is sending him our souvenir knife and the Socialist pennant."

"FRANZ AUGUST SCHONBERG, Muskegon, Mich., sends in a list of 16 subs and gets our souvenir knife. With others he has organized a Y. P. S. L. in Muskegon, of which he is the corresponding secretary. We need more like Comrade Schonberg."

SOME OF OUR PREMIUMS FOR LISTS OF SUBSCRIBERS.

OUR NOVELTY KNIFE for a club of 16 subscribers at 25 cents each. A BEAUTIFUL SOCIALIST PENNANT for a club of 6 members at 25 cents each.

YOU CAN GET THE KNIFE AND PENNANT BY SENDING IN A CLUB OF 20 SUBSCRIBERS.

The above are premiums that are proving most popular with our clubs. Write for a SUBSCRIPTION BLANK and during your spare time solicit for subscriptions, and you will be surprised how many you will get with but little effort.

WAR AND THE CHILDREN.

"Vorwärts," the German Socialist daily paper, publishes the following statement of the effect of the war on school children:

"The education of children is being seriously affected by the war. The Association of Roman Catholic Elementary School Teachers in Breslau announces that among the deplorable consequences of the war must be registered the facts that the scholars play truant in the shameless manner, that their school work is done most slovenly, that they are insubordinate in school and impertinent in the streets, and that assaults on school children are becoming alarmingly frequent. This serious state of affairs is ascribed by the association to the absence of the father, to the difficulties experienced by the mother in keeping a roof over her head and in providing food for her family, to the circumstance that, owing to the school buildings being required by the military authorities, the instruction is limited to one to two hours daily, and is given in the public rooms attached to restaurants, in sheds, and in empty houses, and, finally, to the fact that three-fourths of the teachers are serving in the army."

"The association also finds a contributing cause in the unscrupulous sale of 'penny dreadfuls' and other disgraceful stories, as well as of cheap cigarettes to the children."

"Vorwärts" considers that "the Roman Catholic teachers might have known that in the provincial towns the wives of men at the front receive such a trivial grant that they are compelled to leave their homes to find employment in order that they and their children may live." They cannot, therefore, it points out, look after their children, and the results can easily be imagined.

Governor George W. P. Hunt of Arizona, for whose recall from office petitions are being circulated, declares that "Big Interests" are behind the movement because his actions do not suit them. "Every time I have not acted to suit the big interests they have threatened to recall me," Hunt said. "I have no fear of a recall, for what I have done I did for the best interests of the State."

GETTING READY FOR CO-OPERATION

By CARL D. THOMPSON

A NOTABLE and significant meeting of wage workers and farmers was held in Chicago this last week.

It was the "first National Conference of Producers and Consumers" and was a very definite and at least a measurably successful attempt to bring together the various farm and labor organizations. The purpose of the conference, as stated in the call, was to "devise some means of co-operation between producers and consumers on the matters of legislation and direct marketing." The whole field of co-operation, both of consumers and producers, was involved, and the gathering, tho' not very large, was quite representative.

The trades union movement was well represented. The president and secretary of the Minnesota Federation of Labor were both present. The president of the Iowa Federation of Labor, delegations representing the Wisconsin Federation of Labor and the Chicago Federation of Labor were also present, officially representing their bodies. Then there were delegates from the Fort Wayne, Ind., Federation of Labor, and representatives of the various local unions in Chicago.

The farmers' organizations were, of course, even better represented. Chief among these were the American Society of Equity, the Farmers' Equity Union, and the Farmers' Equity Society. There were also representatives of the Cook County Truck Growers and Farmers' Union, the Onion Growers' Association of Ohio, and the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union.

Besides the labor and farm organizations, there were also the representatives of various co-operative societies and of the People's Money League.

Plan to Develop Co-operation. The chief discussions of the conference were over plans and proposals for developing co-operation between the wage workers and consumers of the cities and the farmers. There were reports of really remarkable achievements already made by the co-operative farm organizations, such as the Wool Growers' Association, farmers' elevators, etc. For example, L. F. Hoffman, Mott, South Dakota, told the story of the farmers' co-operative elevator company of his town, which started in with a few farmers who borrowed money and built \$10,000 of elevator and paid for it out of the profits on the first year's business. The second year a coal yard was added and paid for. The third year a lumber yard. And finally a second elevator has been built—all out of the profits of the business.

Magnus Brown, manager of the wool department of the American Society of Equity, described the successful co-operation of farmers in that direction.

The conference appointed various committees which considered the subjects referred to them and brought in reports.

The committee on organization reported in favor of forming a temporary organization which should issue a call for a second conference to which all labor, farm and consumer organizations should be asked to send delegations authorized to act for their various bodies. At that time a permanent organization should be formed.

The report was adopted and a temporary president and secretary and vice-president were elected. The second conference will be called soon—probably in December or January.

Other committees considered the subjects of cooperation between farmer and labor organizations, consumers' co-operatives, a federation of farmers' organizations and government money and credit systems.

Socialists at Conference. The conference had in it quite a number of well-known Socialists, although none appeared as Socialists, and all were quite content to take part as co-operators and not as partisans.

Many of the trade unionists were members of the Socialist Party, and at least one co-operative store was represented, which was solely a Socialist enterprise. This was the Socialist Exchange, operated by the Twenty-eighth ward branch of the Chicago Socialist Party.

So a beginning has been made. It begins to look as tho' a co-operative movement is in the forming. The Illinois Federation of Labor now has between 26 and 30 co-operative stores in Illinois alone. The Finnish societies have less than 30 in the United States and about 12 in the Middle West.

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THE STORY CORNER

NOTE.—In this column there is traced, from week to week, the development of a typical Young People's Socialist League. The successes and failures are mirrored here, and the chances are that you will find some of your own here set forth. Each installment is practically complete in itself, but it is advisable to follow the story regularly.

THE BIG AFFAIR.

There had been many small affairs run by the League, interesting enough in themselves, but still they were not big enough to attract much attention. Plans were now being laid for a BIG affair.

Instead of electing another committee and letting it go at that, the League elected ONE member to take charge of floor arrangements, another of refreshments, a third of the door, another of the publicity, still another of printing, and so on. The work was thus divided among certain responsible comrades. They were empowered to secure their own assistants and all members of the League pledged themselves to back them to the limit.

Next came a discussion as to the best place to hold the affair. Some favored the small hall where their meetings were held, but finally the others who advocated a larger place won out. There would be a larger expense, but then they could charge admission, get a bigger crowd, and if it went well the returns would more than cover the expenses. It meant a little hard work, but that would only serve to interest and develop the members.

Then came a discussion on the relative merits of two halls, one of them that was known as quite "leaky," bigger and better known than its rival, yet it had one serious drawback: it was not a union hall. Of course all the Yinsels were not unionists nor even Socialists, and some were strong in favor of these temporary advantages. But others, better grounded in their Socialism, fought against it and soon convinced every member of the importance and duty of having strictly union arrangements in all affairs of the League.

John Farrell was given charge of the printing because he worked in the contractor's shop where the work was done. A very low price was secured and John worked his head off to turn out the best possible job. The result only served to emphasize the fact that when you come into labor, the finest art will shine thru man's handiwork. Attraction, "throw-aways" were gotten up, their aim being to get the attention of those who received them, and in this they surely succeeded. The Drum Corps boys and others who attended "outside" dances and parties regularly took out great interest in the little cards and distributed them. One month before the affair big posters were put into the windows of stores where the Yinsels worked, shone and factories where they worked, on their own fences and wash-lines where these could be seen from the street. In short, everywhere they could possibly be seen, attention. Some demurred at the expense, but wiser counsel prevailed; if this was to be a big affair and draw a record crowd of people, every means would have to be utilized to bring it before the people.

Nor was the program neglected in the effort to draw the crowd. Ray Heath was put in charge of this end of it, and a big play was arranged for. Before starting, every volunteer for the Dramatic Section pledged himself to work strictly according to instructions and to take any part to which he might be assigned.

The members got a great deal of fun out of the rehearsals, as we shall see later on. The plan was not merely to reach people once, but to get them there often, and win them in support of the Y. P. S. L. and Socialism for all time.

As a final stunt to attract as much attention as possible, the play was planned for a masquerade parade. That aroused big interest; boys and girls soon vied with one another in producing new and original ideas as advertising stunts. Several carried "sandwich" signs on which, in large letters, the affair was advertised. Many transparencies were carried setting forth the hopes and aims of the Y. P. S. L. Healed by their Drum Corps, they marched thru the busiest parts of the town, choosing a Saturday night as the time for their parade, when the main street was just packed with people leisurely strolling along at their week-end shopping. They aroused great interest. And why shouldn't they? It is not every day one can see a hundred or more young fellows and girls go marching and singing along the streets to their own tunes of their own bands.

Everything was sidetracked to make way for the big affair, and

the hopes were high, everybody was just a little nervous to see what the outcome would be.

NOTE.—Next installment will deal with a personal "fifth" that came close to destroying the harmony at a most critical time, and that jeopardized the success of the affair.

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Indiana Convention.

Arrangements for the Indiana Convention are progressing rapidly, and the affair is sure to be a booming success. The program has been arranged for a three-day affair. On Nov. 25 there will be the principal business session followed by a banquet. Nov. 26, concert in one of the largest churches in town. Nov. 27, monster mask ball in Dukes' Hall. The convention sessions themselves will be held in the new Y. P. S. L. Hall, which has become the center of Socialist and labor union activities. The Party and four unions thus far making it their headquarters. Nor are organization plans being neglected; the National Office and the temporary State Office of the Y. P. S. L., as well as the State Office of the Indiana Socialist Party are raking the State in an effort to organize new Leagues so as to have more cities represented at the first convention, while special organizers are being sent by the Kokomo League into all nearby towns. This is to be some affair.

Boston's Big Showing. The New York Call, in its election day issue, gave a big front page write-up on the activities of the Boston Y. P. S. L. They certainly deserve it, too. They are undertaking something so big that many locals shrink from it, i. e., The American Socialist Lecture Course. Successful? Of course! And bigger and better than could ever be expected.

Their convention plans are going on apace, too. Thanksgiving Day will see them organized along State lines, making five States so organized. Their convention will be held in Rathbone Hall, and an extensive program has been arranged. Nothing succeeds like success, and here we have a fine sample of what the Leagues in every city and town of the country will be doing in another few years.

Manhattan Circle No. 1. This enterprising Circle made the following record on its recent big affair: Income, \$190; expense, \$106. Division of surplus: Donations, New York Call, \$25; Jewish relief, \$10; Manhattan Y. P. S. L., \$10. The balance goes into their library fund.

Allegheny County, Pa. Same good work being kept up. McKeesport held second annual mask ball with good results. Pittsburgh held novel Halloween affair, with a division of surplus. Donations, New York Call, \$25; Jewish relief, \$10; Manhattan Y. P. S. L., \$10. The balance goes into their library fund.

Chicago, Ill. When it comes to doing big things, the Midwestern metropolis is not slow, either. The North Side Circle has scheduled a monster symposium, concert and hall for Sunday, Dec. 19, and a big success is assured. Their speakers: James H. Maurer, Emil Seidel, Arthur LeSueur, George H. Goebel and Adolph Germer. William F. Kruse will preside. Other features: "The Second-story Man," by Upton Sinclair, and mass choruses by unit workers' singing societies. They have two big halls, and the biggest and best known orchestra obtainable. This is an affair of national prominence.

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California Socialists seem to be in for more free speech fights. Two party members were arrested in San Francisco and the policemen made the rather novel complaint that the meeting they were addressing was "too large." At Redlands, Cal., the Mayor insists that Socialists must submit a typewritten copy of their speech to him so that he can decide whether it is strictly proper.

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Adolph Germer is on the Coast. He will start a return tour from San Francisco, Nov. 25, working eastward. Seidel-Kirkpatrick-Walker—all three are now at work every night in the near East, but working westward. Goebel-Maley will start somewhere in the East the latter part of January and work westward.

Three lecture courses with six big speakers let loose on the country and going every night is going to batter down some walls of the enemies' fortifications.

If your local isn't on the list, see that it gets on right off. Write to The American Socialist today. Get your local members together and sign up a contract. If your local is dead, take up the matter yourself individually. Some of the most successful courses we have had so far have been arranged by individuals who had some faith and nerve and were willing to do a little work. Such an effort may put your local on the map again.